GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF ILLEGAL ARMS
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that weapons like A.K. 47 rifles are being illegally supplied in large number across the borders of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab from the tribal town `Darra Aadam Khel` near Peshawar in Pakistan for spreading terrorism in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (c): There have been incidents of smuggling of arms across the Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab borders from time to time.Darra Aadam Khel and adjoining areas in Pakistan are reported to be amongst the centres for supply of these arms.

In order to check such activities, Government has undertaken the work of construction of fencing/flood lighting on the Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat borders. Steps like intensification of border patrolling, induction of equipments like night vision devices, hand-held search lights etc. have also been taken to curb anti-national activities from across the border. As a result of these efforts, Security Forces have made seizure of arms ammunition and narcotics from time to time.